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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MATHEA FALCO

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SUBJECT: THE NETHERLANDS' CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC

REF: GOUGH/BROWN TELECONS

1. IN THE COURSE OF HEARINGS ON MARCH 8 IN WHICH I WAS
SUPPORTING THE FY 78 NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE FUNDS REQUEST
BEFORE THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN INOUE PROBED INTENSIVELY
CONCERNING FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. HE NOTED THE GROWING DRUG
TRAFFIC IN EUROPE AND THE PROMINENCE OF THE NETHERLANDS
IN IT. HE STRESSED AT SOME LENGTH HIS STRONG NEGATIVE
VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE DUTCH CONTRIBUTE NO CASH TO UNFDAC
BUT INSTEAD CREDIT THEMSELVES WITH A CONTRIBUTION THROUGH
THE PRODUCTION OF A PERIODICAL. SENATOR INOUE CONSIDERED
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THIS PARTICULARLY APPALLING NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE
NETHERLANDS' CENTRAL POSITION IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IN
EUROPE BUT ALSO BECAUSE A DUTCH NATIONAL (AMB. DE BEUS) IS
HEADING THE FUND AND RECEIVES AT LEAST \$50 THOUSAND A
YEAR TAX FREE. SENATOR INOUE CHARACTERIZED THIS TYPE OF
THING AS A "CON JOB" BEING DONE ON THE UNITED STATES AND
ITS TAXPAYERS. THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR FY 78

CONTAINS A LINE ITEM OF \$6 MILLION FOR THE UN FUND. SENATOR INOUE SAID THAT, AS A MINIMUM, WE SHOULD OBTAIN A DUTCH CONTRIBUTION (OR PRESUMABLY AT LEAST A PLEDGE) EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT PAID TO DEBEUS BY THE UN IN ORDER THAT THE SENATE FAVORABLY CONSIDER A US CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND NEXT YEAR ANYWHERE NEAR THE AMOUNT WE HAVE REQUESTED. HE WARNED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO SEE RESULTS ON THIS BEFORE THE MARK-UP OF THE BILL IN APRIL.

2. BOTH LAST YEAR AND THE YEAR BEFORE THIS SAME SUB-COMMITTEE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTING A DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE AMOUNT OF THE FUND'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES (AROUND 80). THE COMMITTEE PUT US ON WARNING LAST YEAR THAT UNLESS CONTRIBUTIONS BY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED THE SENATE WOULD SPECIFY A REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF THE AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION. AS INDICATED ABOVE, THIS YEAR THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS ZEROED IN ON THE NETHERLANDS, THEREBY PRESENTING US WITH THE NEED TO EXERT EVERY FEASIBLE EFFORT TO OBTAIN A DUTCH CONTRIBUTION (OR PLEDGE THEREOF) OF \$50,000, AS A SAFE MINIMUM, AND HOPEFULLY SUBSTANTIALLY MORE.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU PURSUE THIS MATTER AT THE HIGHEST FEASIBLE LEVEL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THIS CONTRIBUTION WHICH SENATOR INOUE HAS MADE A KEY ONE.

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